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Cheers from peers

The winter term is the longest of the year and at times the dreariest. There is a lot to love about snow and ice – skiing, skating, the beauty of all that white on the landscape – but it can get to be a bit much.

As a school, we try to liven things up through the winter with a number of events, everything from our annual Winter Carnival to Chinese New Year celebrations to the Lip Sync contest. The most intensive sports schedules of the year take place for our hockey and senior basketball teams. There is no shortage of things to do.

The key to making this work, I think, is that we get to do these things together, whether as participants or as spectators.

It's great that our students get so involved in sports and student life activities, but I think there is something to be said about that role of audience member.

For example, our friends down at BCS now play in the same hockey leagues as our Varsity Boys Spartans, both NEPSAC and MPHL. Last season, the two teams got together for the first time in years to play an exhibition game, but this year there were multiple encounters, and the games actually counted for something.

One game in particular stands out. On March 1, BCS held its Spirit Day at the Molson Arena at Bishop's University. Stanstead had already beaten BCS three times by this point, including two games won by a single goal here at home. This time, though, we would be in their house.

It was a big day for our Lennoxville rivals, and it was the Spartans' intention to try to spoil it. To help in that effort, we arranged two busloads of Stanstead fans to drive down the 143 to cheer on their team.

What a game it was! With both schools clogging the stands, the Bears and Spartans were tied 3-3 at the end of regulation. As you can see on our Stanstead College Hockey YouTube page, the three-on-three overtime was a back-and-forth drama of saves and near misses until, with about a minute left, captain Liam Stagg crossed to Christopher Dedeyan in front of the net to tap it away. The



Head prefects Kayla Ouellet and Thomas Abbott joined Headmaster Wolfe at a conference of Quebec independent heads of schools. The pair participated in a student panel discussing whether independent school priorities are aligned with student needs.

Stanstead fans went crazy. The Spartans swarmed the ice like they had won the championship final.

(Incidentally, BCS did win the National Independent Schools Invitational Championship final, and a well-deserved congratulations to them.)

What a memorable hockey game. But it wouldn't have been nearly quite so exciting if there hadn't been those fans on hand.

I've seen that kind of support and enthusiasm throughout the winter, with students and teachers filling the bleachers at the Mackay Gym or the Pat Burns Arena to urge on their peers. And doing so respectfully, I might add.

They show that same respect and admiration when our students step into the spotlight for something like our annual Café Cappuccino talent show, which ends the winter term. As you'll read in this issue of the *Red & White*, this musical event has been going on for over 25 years, and it never ceases to amaze me the level of talent our students possess. It takes great courage to sing and play in front of one's peers. But without those peers, there would be no audience, no performance – just people singing alone.

We encourage students at Stanstead College to reach their potential, to sample the new and unknown. Achievement is its own reward. But receiving support and recognition from friends and colleagues is a powerful motivator and a reward in itself. I am grateful for the way we cheer each other on at Stanstead College. In fact, I applaud it.

I hope you enjoy this issue of the *Red & White*.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, reading "Michael Wolfe".

Michael Wolfe
Headmaster



Skittles Crew: a proud, candy-powered tradition



It's between quarters at a home game in the Mackay Gymnasium. As the players head to their benches, the referees mosey over to the minor officials' table. As they engage in small talk, the refs reach into a neon-coloured bag. Skittles.

Unique in the Eastern Townships and perhaps in all of Quebec, there is always a small supply of candy at the officials' table at Stanstead games. In fact, the scorers and timekeepers are known at Stanstead College as "The Skittles Crew."

Beyond sugar, however, Stanstead also has a reputation for running a tight ship on the sidelines, thanks to the dedication of the student officials and supervisors.

The origin of the Skittles Crew goes back many years when Stanstead hosted the Anderson-Bailly Small Schools Tournament. Andre Simard was athletic director at the time, and, as part of organizing the event, he also sought sponsorship to defray the cost. A former parent, Joe Neufeld, owned a candy company. He and his associate Mona Weinstein sponsored many events over the years by providing an assortment of candy.

Keep the candy coming

This is where another Stanstead athletics icon steps in: Brian Denney (1964).

"As I had done every year since retiring from coaching in 1990," he recalls, "I took on the responsibility of looking after the scoring and timing for all home basketball games. With such an abundance of candy, I began supplying them to my scorers. Over time they not only became famous among scorers but also became very popular with officials who refereed games at the school."

Eventually the sponsorship candy ran out, but by then the tradition had taken hold. Skittles ultimately became the candy of choice.

"For the rest of my time doing the job, I had to make sure I made a run to Pellerin's before any home game," said Denney.



Crew members Marlie Gaudio and Momoko Takaoka taking a break



Current crew chief Keri Reynolds and Momoko Takaoka, keepers of the Skittles

"Heaven forbid if I didn't have any candy on hand!"

(The Athletics Department now includes a Skittles budget.)

For the past 10 years or so, the Skittles Crew has been run by veteran staff member Keri Reynolds (1990). Her crew tends to change from year to year. Sometimes they are players who have time to run the table for other teams, other times they are students who, for one reason or another, can't participate in a winter sport. She's also had the occasional "lifer" who has run the board from Grade 7 to 12.

The training is hands-on.

"It's hard to train outside of games, so it takes a few games to figure things out," says Reynolds. "I'm always at the table to make sure they're doing everything okay."

In fact, that may be why the Stanstead crew has such a good reputation: supervision. Reynolds notes that she doesn't often see adults at the table during away games. She makes sure her crew is as neutral as possible and paying attention... and off their phones.

"Even when I'm there, I can look over and see one of our kids on their phone, and I'm like 'Hey!'"

Denney says he was always extremely proud of his crew, and that officials told him they loved to get a Stanstead assignment.

"Not only were the refs well treated but the scorers table was second to none among the high schools they worked," he says. "And they loved the Skittles always handy at the scoring table."

As for whether keeping the refs supplied in Skittles gives the home team an advantage, Reynolds scoffs: "You've watched our home games!"

The crew itself is usually rewarded with an end-of-season pizza party. And, of course, all-you-can-eat Skittles.

Coach Simard honoured

Students and teachers at Stanstead College walked over to the Pat Burns Arena in February to witness the ceremonial puck drop for the annual AAESQ Graham Neil Provincial Hockey Tournament. The ceremony was a special one, as it honoured SC teacher, coach and former athletic director Andre Simard.

Prior to the puck drop, Mr. Simard received tributes from Headmaster Michael Wolfe as well as “Mr. Athletics” at Alexander Galt Regional High School, Bob Halsall.

Mr. Simard was recognized for his dedication to student athletics. Throughout his decades of service, his organizational and problem-solving skills as well as his commitment to sportsmanship and fair play have helped keep the engine running for leagues, tournaments and sports in general among Quebec’s English-language high schools in particular. He continues to be a valuable booster with a vast institutional memory.

The ceremony was particularly fitting, since Mr. Simard was a student of the late Graham Neil.



Marie-Soleil Marquis ('17): Speaking up



At each Wednesday assembly throughout the year, the school recognizes an Athlete of the Week, someone who has helped his or her team or has demonstrated the true spirit of sportsmanship on the field of play. In February, the school recognized a student who was not necessarily an athlete but who embraced the values Stanstead College exemplifies.

Marie-Soleil Marquis, a Grade 12 student from St-Jean-sur-Richelieu, Que. was working the officials table at a senior boys basketball home game. As a member of the Skittles Crew (see previous page), Marie-Soleil has a unique point of view of what is happening on the bench, and it was from that perspective that she heard opposing players making harsh and racial comments about Stanstead’s Chinese players.

Even though our players weren’t hearing them, Marie-Soleil felt she had to speak up.

“It’s part of my character,” she said. “When people behave like that, they don’t deserve for me to stay quiet.”

With “full-on adrenaline,” she spoke to the refs, she spoke to the opposing coaches. She even spoke to the offending players themselves. She

did what she felt she had to do to shut them down.

“I wanted them to care about what they were saying,” she said. As a result of her actions, some of the players directed hurtful comments at her as well.

Her efforts did not go unrecognized. In a statement read at Assembly, Senior Boys Spartans coach Kevan Quinn wrote, “We all like to think that if we were placed in a situation like that we would do the right thing, but when it actually occurs it is easy to try and ignore it. Marie did everything I hope I would do in the situation and endured comments back that she did not deserve. I am so proud to work at a school where students fight and defend each other from such outward and blatant racism, and I am so proud of Marie for having the courage to stand up for her fellow classmates and friends.”

Marie-Soleil did not receive an Athlete of the Week certificate, but she did receive a standing ovation from her peers at Assembly.

“It’s not every day something like this happens,” said Marie-Soleil, “but when it does, it feels good to do something about it.”



Provincial champs: Coach Erik Van Dyke, Jessica Lozano Schmitt (manager), Mya Daigle, Marie-Ange Loiselle, Alyssa MacPherson, Mackenzy St-Pierre, Brianna Grapes, Kayla Ouellet, Jessica Ramirez, Coach Amy Wolfe; (front) Rina Takahashi, Chloe Van Dyke

Spartans make history at MacLeod Tournament

It says something about the success of the Stanstead College Senior Girls Basketball Spartans that their only real disappointment of the year was losing in the final – the final! – of the CAIS National Tournament at BCS, falling 44-41 to powerhouse Ridley.

That was two weeks into their season.

Besides that, almost nothing but wins, a final season record of 32-8, to be precise, including banners at Stanstead's home tournament, the Montreal Independent Schools Tournament, the BCS Invitational, the Bailly Small Schools Tournament and finally, for the first time ever, the AAESQ MacLeod Provincial Tournament.

It was also the team's first season out of the ETI-AC league and in the RSEQ Div. 2, competing against local French schools as well as old friends Alexander Galt. Although the team had a league record of 7-and-5, because of Stanstead's March break schedule, the team could not compete in playoff action.

But let's get back to that MacLeod Provincial.

Coach Erik Van Dyke set out at the start of the season with this as his goal, working with mostly veteran players with an emphasis on solid defence.

"If Stanstead was ever going to grab this brass ring, it had to be this year. Of our nine players, six were graduating. And who knew if we'd ever be this strong again? It was now or never," he wrote at the end of the season.



Up against pressure

After an easy time in preliminary rounds, Stanstead made it to the final against a pressure-loving team from Notre-Dames-de-Lourdes of St-Jean-sur-Richelieu. The first quarter ended with Stanstead up by 1. By halftime, the Spartans were down by a point with their sparkplug point guard Rina Takahashi having picked up her third foul.

Rina picked up her fourth foul in the third quarter and had to hit the bench, in tears. Soon, the Spartans found themselves down 36-26.

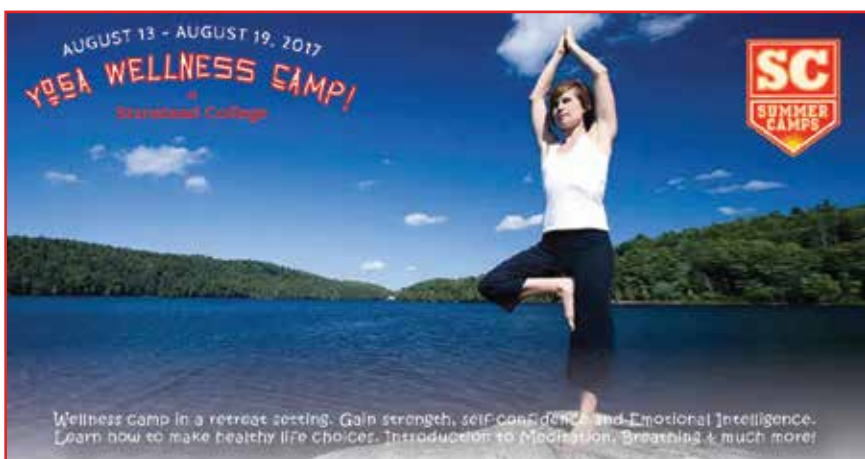
"This is The Moment," wrote Coach Van Dyke. "The one I will remember for the rest of my life. Do we fold, right now when things are bleakest? Or do we find a way to rise up together? Well, dear readers, I have never been more PROUD of a team than I am of this team, because somehow, facing the most adversity they've faced all sea-

son, in the biggest moment, these young athletes got up off the mat and ROSE UP TOGETHER. Broke the press. Started chipping away. Free throws by [Mackenzey St-Pierre, Chloe Van Dyke, Marie-Ange Loisel]. Lockdown defence. A huge three by [Brianna Grapes]. The third quarter horn blows. We're still down 33-38, but we'd just taken the best punch NDL (and the basketball gods) could dish out. And we were still here."

In the fourth quarter, the girls fought back with Rina Takahashi back on the floor. (She would later be named tournament MVP and would pick up the team MVP trophy for the second straight year at the Winter Athletic Assembly.) The Spartans dig in to win 52-47, making Stanstead College history.

The MacLeod: A History of Near Misses

1953-85	Stanstead College fails to qualify for the MacLeod Provincials.
1986	Stanstead qualifies, but loses both games at the MacLeod Provincials.
1987-98	Stanstead fails to qualify for the MacLeod Provincials.
1999, 2000	Stanstead qualifies, but loses both games.
2001	Stanstead loses the first game, but they win the next two games (the first wins ever for SC at the MacLeod) to take home the Consolation Banner.
2002	Megan Lill's legendary team (34-6 season record) makes the finals vs a powerful Massey-Vanier team. Despite leading by 13 at halftime, the Spartans ultimately lose 59-52. Silver medals. Finalist banner. Best ever result, but opportunity missed.
2003	Stanstead fails to qualify.
2004	Stanstead qualifies, loses both games.
2005-07	Stanstead fails to qualify.
2008	Andrea Dumas's epic team (25-4) maximizes its potential by capturing the finalist banner, losing in the finals 59-37 to an unbeatable Centennial Regional team.
2009	Necola Guerrina's historic team (28-6), #2-ranked going in, lose the finals 64-46 to a juggernaut of a team from Shawinigan High School. Silver medals again.
2010	Margarita Acero's plucky team (20-10) overachieves, earning a finals berth despite being ranked #6 going in, ultimately losing 55-33 to mighty Shawinigan. Three straight finalist banners.
2011-13	Stanstead qualifies each year, but goes winless three years in a row.
2014-16	Stanstead qualifies each year, finishes with 1 win vs 2 losses three years in a row.
2017	Stanstead College not only qualifies, but enters the MacLeod Provincials, for the first time in SC history, as the #1-ranked team. They win for the first time in school history.



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Great winter season for Spartans

The **Girls Hockey Spartans** capped their second undefeated season in the North American Prep Hockey Association (NAPHA) by capturing their second straight playoff title. The girls dominated finalist Northwood School 6-0 in the playoff at home.

Audrey-Anne Veillette scored just 22 seconds into the final and added another goal a little over a minute later, with team co-captain Stephanie Desjardins then giving Stanstead a 3-0 first period lead. Maude Poulin-Labelle's beautiful shorthanded second period marker was followed by two goals in the third by Desjardins, her hat trick earning the sniper extraordinary player-of-the-game honours.

Stanstead's Alexie Guay was named MVP of the playoffs.

Ranked the No. 1 high school girls prep team in Canada, the Spartans also won the prestigious Philips-Exeter New Year's Tournament and had an overall season record of 41-6-2.

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In March, the **junior girls basketball** team won the AAESQ Jeff Dunn Tournament for the first time since its inception in 2006. The girls defeated



The Girls Hockey Spartans were happy to win their NAPHA championship on home ice.

Massey-Vanier Regional in dramatic style; down 26-22 at the end of the third quarter, the Spartans scored 16 points in the fourth to win 38-33. Emily Willis was named Dunn MVP.

The week earlier, Massey-Vanier had beaten Stanstead in the ETIAC playoff championship. It was a reduced league this season, with BCS rounding out the three teams. MVR won the regular season banner.

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Capping off an undefeated ETIAC season, the Stanstead College **Prep Hockey Spartans** won the ETIAC Senior Hockey Playoff championship at home, defeating Alexander Galt Pipers 6-1.

Olivier Daniel took charge with two goals, while Jeremie Gagnon, Keiran Gallant and Philippe Martel each had one of their own. Will Huckins shut the door in goal.

"The team played well top to bottom to finish what I feel was a tremendously positive year overall," said

Coach Sarah Vaillancourt to her girls:

I wish to thank the players for putting their trust in us, your coaches. I know we challenge you to the point where you can't breathe, or to the point where you wonder if you're still good at hockey, when I'm in your face, for example. We challenge you to the point where you wonder if this is the right place for you, when I'm not satisfied even though we just won a game. Or to the point where you can't feel your legs, during workouts with Mr. Underhill. We challenge you to the point that you cry and call home or cry to your friends, when I call you out in front of your teammates because you were not being a team-first player.

The list goes on and on of different ways we've challenged you this season. And you know what? We might

have won 41 out of 49 games, we might have 10 university-committed players, but that's not what I'm most proud of.

What I'm most proud of is that you found ways to get through those challenges. You did not give up when it was tough, you found ways to get through it. You did not find excuses to skip on the challenges, you embraced them. You told yourself that you were not part of an ordinary team, and teams that aren't ordinary have to be challenged in bigger ways and have to find ways to overcome the challenges. That's what you did, not only in games, but day in and day out.

I wish the world could see how focused, on task and determined you all are when you practice, workout and



were, to say the least, excited to win their respective banners this season.

Coach James Rioux.

This is the second year in a row that Stanstead has won both the ETIAC senior league and championship title and the third straight year for the league title.

Overall, the Stanstead Spartans had a 12-0 season in ETIAC play and an overall season of 26-23-2-4.

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In their first season as a member of the RSEQ Juvenile Div. 3, the **Senior Boys Basketball Spartans** won the regional title, defeating La Ruche from Magog 60-35 in the semi-final and Seminaire de Sherbrooke 54-38 in the final.



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You are no ordinary hockey team

play. You are far from being an ordinary team. The best thing is that you did all this while having a blast together. I know you all complain and cry and think about quitting the team, but the reality is you don't quit because you recognize that toughness is what makes it great. You recognize that it is actually a blessing to be challenged like you are, because most people will never have the chance to truly be challenged to their limits.

I knew you started to embrace challenges when you began asking more of each other on your own. Instead of being quiet during games and practices, you started cheering on each other when we weren't playing up to our potential: "Come on, girls!" You cared, and it was important for you to play to your potential as a team.

You're definitely the team I have had the most fun coaching and the team that I've seen having the most fun together. You've all definitely made the most out of this season and you've grown tremendously.

We've challenged you because being challenged is real life. Having doubts in yourself and finding a way out of it is real life. Crying one night and going to work the next day is real life. But this year, you've proven that you're bigger and better than real life, because you actually embrace challenges and you thrive on them. You are an extraordinary team! And I'll tell you this: I have been part of many teams in my life, and I can guarantee you that this one was special. It will be one that you remember forever!

The Clarion returns

The students of Nicki Campbell's Grade 11 English class have revived *The Clarion*, a student publication that first saw the light of day in 1895.

The first issue in February included features on American and Canadian politics, sports at school, an interview with Director of Student Life Barb Wilkinson, news of Winter Carnival, and other features of interest, including how to make French toast in a mug!

Issue No. 2, published just before March break, featured stories on social media, International Women's Day, animal testing as well as local happenings at school such as Multicultural Week, sports and the Phelps Help program. There was even a history of pockets! And, of course, more mug recipes: scrambled eggs and chocolate cake.

"Every single one of us are extremely proud to have *The Clarion* up and running again," wrote Anna Thinphang-Nga, co-editor along with Florence Aubé.

"Hopefully in a few decades, this newspaper will prosper and continue to grow greatly in our community."

The last time the school attempted a newspaper was in the mid-2000s as a club option, an effort that migrated to an online edition before fizzling out.

Ms. Campbell tied this project into her English

class without any particular academic goal in mind – except for the value of writing, of course.

"I just think it's important for students to have a voice and present their views on the world," she explained. "It's meaningful writing because it's for genuine readership. Besides that, every school worth its salt should have a newspaper, don't you think?"

While *The Clarion* is a class-run project, the editors encourage students to submit articles for future publication.

"I make suggestions about layout and content but really try to let the students drive it," said Ms. Campbell. "It's being used as a teaching tool, and I think it gets better with age. This time, for example, I encouraged students to go out into the community to interview people. With the addition of feature articles from my Grade 10 class, there was a real range of issues being tackled. I love it!"





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Erik Van Dyke (in hat) with Chloe Van Dyke on guitar were one of four father-daughter acts at this year's Café Capp.

Café Cappuccino:

An Opportunity to Shine

Pierce Hall is virtually unrecognizable. Chairs have been stacked against the wall, and lounge furniture from the Student Centre has been placed about, including on stage. At the foot of the stage, in one corner, a carpet has been spread out. This is the performing space. Tonight is Café Cappuccino.

The musical showcase has been going on for over 25 years. It started as a performance by members of teacher Andrew Retchless's music club in the fall of 1991. In the yearbook, it's listed as "Grad Coffee House, 'Club Cappuccino,' with music by Mr. Retchless." It was held in the LeBaron reception room that year. A year later there was a Grad Coffee House in November and a "Cafe capucino" in May.

Some years, it was held outside.

More than two decades later (and often misspelled), Café Cappuccino has become a highlight of the school year. In the dim light of Pierce Hall (it moved out of the Student Centre two years ago), students stretch out, sipping drinks and nibbling snacks served by volunteer waiters. As a performance begins, they give their full attention, showing support and cheering on peers who have mustered the courage to sing and play in public.

"Name me another event that brings the school together like this?" says teacher Erik Van Dyke, who has been involved in organizing every Café Capp show since 1993-94.

As good as it gets?

That first year, he recalls playing with Brad Goodsell, Noah Vachon and Nick Wilson: Weezer, the Violent Femmes, Hendrix.

"Noah was an absurd player and singer. And Brad went on to form In-Flight Safety and win East Coast Music Awards," he remembers. "I don't even know what I was doing there."

Music teacher Eric Grenier came on board upon his arrival at the school in 2000-01. He remembers being blown away by Matt "Guitar" Whitney playing "Arms Wide



Taylor Gratton, 2017

Open” by Creed and thinking to himself that this would never happen again.

But of course it did.

“Back then, we didn’t realize how much talent we would have in future years, that maybe this was some kind of spike,” Grenier says. “But we’ve been lucky with real talent year after year.”

In talking to the two teachers – GDyke Productions™, they call themselves – a number of names come up. Amber Judge, who wrote and performed her own songs in Grade 10. Uber-talented drummers like Phil Lavoie, Chris Deblois, Mauricio Quinones and Fernando Aramoni. Convincing the Neumann twins to play strings on “Comfortably Numb,” the first of the so-called Epic Tunes GDyke™ like to orchestrate

every year. Breakout performers the likes of Bob Chen on violin, Ashley Langevin, Aika Yamashita on bass, Abby Murray, Rita Vungsun-titum, Da Fu on piano, and this year Alison Barlow singing “Keep Your

as good as we were in rehearsals. The performance can even be disappointing. The value to me is in the process, going from zero to something in a rehearsal, getting the chords down, adding a part, okay let’s bring in a singer...”

Mistakes make it real

In fact, Grenier likes it when performers make mistakes. “As soon as a performer is perfect, people’s eyes glaze over. Mess up and people look up. Suddenly they’re awake. Wait, this is actually happening! There’s a humanitarian moment. They want the performer to succeed!”

Hands to Yourself” by the Georgia Satellites, backed by Lucas Etienne shredding on electric guitar.

Then there are the kids they call “the glue,” performers who like session musicians can always be relied on: Momoko Takaoka (cello, drums, keyboard, vocals), Dixon Leung, Taylor Gratton, Chelsey Martin, Jacob Borsari, Paulina Guerra, Collin De La Bruere, the list goes on...

“They want to be in there. They’re stage rats,” says Grenier. “You need a bass player? I’ll play bass.”

It’s not surprising that Van Dyke and Grenier remember people over moments. Even though Café Capp itself is a memorable class act that showcases some amazing talent, the end result isn’t what matters, they feel.

“Yes, there’s the adrenaline and the applause,” says Grenier. “But we’re often never



Grade 12 singers Angelina Mo and Kareen Chen



Austin Plotkin, 2018

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The point of doing something like this, says Mr. Van Dyke, is not to be great at it. It's to do it.

On this night, Bill Huang stands solo before the mic and plays Bach's Violin Concerto in A Minor, a complex, difficult piece. He stumbles briefly, gets lost. "Uh. Wait," he mutters. The audience laughs nervously with him. He carries on, the audience settles, hanging on to see if he'll make it. He does, beautifully. He finishes to thunderous applause. Later, he will tell Mr. Van Dyke, "This was the greatest night of my life."

The point of doing something like this, says Mr. Van Dyke, is not to be great at it. It's to do it.



Dixon Leung, 2018: The Glue

"It's an opportunity to shine. If not for Café Capp, how many kids would have shone a little less?"

Both Grenier and Van Dyke have served as Director of Student Life at the College, so they see how Café Capp feeds the spirit of the school. Nonetheless, this is outside the official curriculum; performers must find their own time to rehearse, "in between the cracks," as Van Dyke says. In speaking to the pair, you sense this somewhat frustrates them. But they thankfully have had great support from colleagues over the years like Lawrence Nelson, Jason Corcoran, Adam Locke, Luc Charest, Audrey Langlois and ever-reliable sound man Peter Mendieta. It's the students, though, that pull it off.

Van Dyke adds: "The memories and connections we make with these kids, young people discovering music, taking chances with adult leadership – we are so lucky."

"This is the most positive thing I do as a teacher," says Grenier, who calls music "my religion."

Amen.



During an Epic Number, Grenier and Van Dyke exchange a look that says, "This is good."

Pat Burns Arena unveils new elevator



On May 1, the Pat Burns Arena unveiled its new elevator. On hand for the official opening were Michael Wolfe, Headmaster of Stanstead College, Philip Webster representing the R. Howard Webster Foundation, Judith and Jonathan Cowen (Class of 1972 and chairman of the board) and Philippe Dutil, Mayor of Stanstead.

The elevator is the final stage of construction for the arena, which opened in 2011. It was funded by a contribution of \$50,000 from the Government of Canada (Fonds pour l'accessibilité-violet accessibilité dans les collectivités / Enabling Accessibility Fund – Community Accessibility Stream) as well as private donations from the R. Howard Webster Foundation, Judith and Jonathan Cowen and Gertrude Ketcham (Class of 1946). The total cost of the elevator project was \$150,000.





Mexico City Alumni Soccer 2017



Mexico City Reunion 2017



Class Notes

1937

The girls hockey team travelled to Ottawa in early March to play the Lady 67's. The Spartans won both games but the highlight was the chance for our girls to meet 95-year-old Stanstead College alumna and trustee **Joyce Halpin**. Joyce played women's hockey at the college from 1936-38



Harvey Stevens, Class of 1974 and son **Andrew, Grade 12** in their Major S sweaters. Harvey remarks how the quality of his Major S was not as good as Andrew's as it clearly shrunk in the wash!



1999, **Luc-André Nadeau** 1998, **Mat Béliveau** 1999 and **John Wells** 1998.

1998

Napat Phisanbut and husband **Tawachin Yanasoy** welcomed baby girl, **Buatong** on March 24, 2017.



1971

Al Rich has sold his dry-cleaning business Miss Brown's and is recently retired.

1998

Congratulations to **Brian Ogilvie** and **Lauren Bishop**. The couple were married in Carmel Valley, California on November 19, 2016. Several classmates were in attendance including those pictured with Brian (centre), **Ryan Heays**



2002

Matt Whitney and wife **Amanda** welcomed baby **Logan** on March 21. Logan measured 19.25" long and weighed 7 lbs 2 ounces.



2004

Dave Marosi is back in Canada after living in Dubai. He now works for Sherweb, a cloud service company.

7th annual Varsity Spartans Boys Alumni Game





2004

Congratulations to **Robert Perretta** and girlfriend Haley on their recent engagement. Rob surprised Haley with a secret weekend trip to Italy where he proposed to her.

2009

Congratulations to alumnus and staff member **Logan Vanasse**. Logan and Genevieve are the proud new parents of a baby girl, Leila, born March 15.



Kurt Martin also became a father in 2017. Baby girl, Emrie, was born January 1 and is seen below with her dad and grandparents, Michel and Kim Martin.



Necola Guerrina was featured online by the McGill University Health Centre for her research.

Ron Foss, Class of 1973



When hearing from Coach Alex Philip that the Football Program had officially been wound down, Ron Foss immediately wondered to himself what was to become of the Jerseys from those years.

A few inquires to the College and he discov-

ered that many of these types of items, had recently been catalogued. A quick review of the catalogue and there it was: the football jersey from his wonder years at SC.

Ron offered and submitted a donation to the Stanstead College Annual Fund in return for securing the number 77 jersey from the 70s.

Beyond his love for the game and his admiration for Coach Philip, teammates and the College experience overall, there is a particular memory for him, that has not faded. He tells it like this:

"On October 21, 1972, my birthday, Stanstead College was playing our number-one rival: Bishop's College School. With the inter-school trophy on the line and just over a minute to go in the game, we were losing. Coach Philip sent the play in. The call in the huddled was a "77 Hitch," a pass play specifically designed for me. I ran the pattern exactly as in our play-book, which took me into their end zone. When the quarterback, Jim Etcheverry, released the ball, I could tell right away that it was a little under-thrown. I moved towards the ball, but the player defending me now had a play. He took a swipe at it, made contact, but I was able to dive and with one hand, make the catch for the winning touchdown."

It is memories likes this, along with friendships that have lasted since graduation, that have defined the College experience for Ron.

It is in part why he made the generous donation, and he encourages others to follow his lead.

You too can obtain a piece of history and in doing so continue your support for the College. Contact the Advancement Office if interested at (819) 876-7891, ext. 225 or email karen.cushing@stansteadcollege.com.



2012

Regular readers know that we have been following the post-Stanstead hockey career of **Sarah LeFort**, Class of 2012. In March, the school recognized her success as a Boston University Terrier and with Team Canada with a banner in the Pat Burns Arena.

Most recently, Sarah was a member of the Montreal Canadiennes team that recently won the Clarkson Cup.



2013



Zhiyuan "Vicky" Liu and Dian Yu, 2014, are currently attending the University of Toronto. Dian graduates this spring and plans to stay in Toronto to pursue her graduate degree in psychology. Vicky took last year off to work and is now finishing her second year.

2014

This past February, **Tricia Deguire**, a goalie for the McGill Martlets, was named RSEQ Rookie of the Year for Women's Hockey. She followed this up in March by being named U Sports (formerly CIS) Rookie of the Year at the All-Canadian Banquet. Deguire started in 18 of McGill's 20 games this past season and had a record of 14-3 with one shutout. The provincial champion Martlets lost to Alberta in the final of the U Sports hockey championship 2-1 in double-overtime.



2015

Christopher Smith, David Jankowski, Mark Jankowski (2012), Nathan Sanderson and Matthew Chan (2016) recently reunited. Mark was named to AHL All-Rookie Team this April.

Faculty-Staff

Webster House director **Katie Lowry** was the recipient of two awards in connection with Phelps Help, Stanstead's after-school homework program that is assisted by Stanstead College student tutors. In the fall, Ms. Lowry received the Young Townships Leader Award from Townshippers' Association, and in February, the Borough of Lennoxville presented Phelps Help with the Outstanding Achievement Award in Youth Leadership.

Teacher and University Guidance Coordinator **Eryn Hes-sian** is currently serving as president of the Canadian Independent School Counselors. She previously served as VP for Quebec. The CISC is an organization for university counselling and guidance professionals at independent/private schools across Canada (and at a handful of Canadian off-shore schools) whose purpose is to provide active and enriching professional development opportunities for its membership of over 150 counselors. Each coordinates opportunities for counselors to meet and connect in person and by other means and also meet nationally.

Congratulations to French teacher **Joannie Robitaille**. Her son Édouard Morin was born April 25, 2017.



Former faculty

Peter Ashworth and his wife Sue are spending most of their time these days in Cocoa Beach on the Atlantic coast in Florida. In great spirits, Peter is keeping busy as head of the condo association, and is following events at the school very closely! He and Sue returned to Newport at the end of April but have intentions of making Florida their permanent home.



Your help needed

In the 1930s the Patrick brothers (of hockey fame) donated a trophy to the school which became the trophy for inter-house hockey competition. It was awarded every year for many decades. Unfortunately, that trophy was lost 15-20 years ago. If you have any idea of its whereabouts, please contact Audrey Hamilton in our school archives (ahamilton@stansteadcollege.com).

Toronto 2017



events



It was a great turn out in Toronto. Alumni and former faculty gathered together at the Badali Bar and Cucino on March 8, 2017.

Taipei 2017



Ziga Zaga Lounge in the Grand Hyatt in Taipei on March 29, 2017



Elaine Miller Gibson: The Proudest Girl in Canada

The following is adapted from an article written by Melanie Smith, daughter of Elaine Miller Gibson (1937), originally published on the website Friends of the Canadian War Museum (www.friends-amis.org)



Born June 12, 1921 in Rock Island, Quebec, Elaine was one of seven children born to Benjamin and May (Florence) Miller. She grew up on a farm until the depression forced her parents to sell.

Elaine and her sisters Geraldine, Colleen and Beverly attended Stanstead College. Elaine appears to have left school in 1937 at age 16, after which she worked at various jobs until World War II when she decided to enlist with the army in April 1942 at the age of 21. She was one of the first women to join the Canadian Women's Army Corp (CWAC).

Elaine was very attractive and was asked to model for posters/billboards aimed at recruiting more women into the army and she agreed.

Unbeknownst to her she was coined "The Proudest Girl in Canada" and saw her image on windows and life-size billboards standing on sidewalks in Montre-

al. She was very modest and did not feel comfortable being given this title. Her assigned duties in the Army were to drive officers to their venues in and around Montreal. It was at this time that she met her husband to be, John William Gibson. He was a sergeant in her division and she said the most handsome man there. Elaine enjoyed her duties in the army in Montreal but she very much desired to go overseas.

Much to her surprise and delight, she had the opportunity to meet the famous American actor/singer, Bing Crosby. He had already been assigned a male driver, but when he saw Elaine he requested that she be his personal driver. Usually her passengers would sit in the back seat but Bing insisted that he sit in the front seat beside her.

Bing took her out to lunch and in the course of their conversation asked her if she was happily married. Though she had had a terrible fight with her husband that morning and was tempted to say "no," she said "yes." She often wondered afterwards what might have happened if she had said what she had really felt.

Elaine cherished the picture that was taken of her with Bing standing on a dock by one of the lakes near Montreal. Before the picture was taken Elaine stood on the right side of Bing but noticed that she was taller than him because the boards were raised higher where she was standing. She asked Bing if he would mind



switching sides (but didn't tell him the reason why) and he obliged.

After the war, Elaine and John moved to St. Therese, Quebec. She took a secretarial course and was successful in her career. John worked with Hydro-Quebec as an electrical equipment repairman. They had one daughter, Melanie, and separated in 1965. In 1974, Elaine moved with her daughter to Cavendish, PEI, where she operated a bed and breakfast and cottage. Elaine died on October 11, 2006, at the age of 85 and is buried in the

Cavendish Cemetery where her memorial stone pays tribute to her service in the Army.



from the archives

16th Annual Alumni & Friends Golf Tournament *supporting scholarships and bursaries at Stanstead College*

SEPTEMBER 29, 2017 **Mount Orford Golf Club**

Enjoy an amazing day of golf for a great cause. Price includes 18 holes with cart at the base of Mount Orford in the Eastern Townships, lunch, on-course snacks and activities, post-game refreshments, dinner and great prizes.

\$800 per foursome, \$225 per golfer, special **Young Alumni** rate \$150 per golfer (graduated from Stanstead between 2008 and 2017)
-Save \$25 if registering before Aug 31.

For more information or to register visit our website or contact the Advancement Office. 819-876-7891 ext. 225.



ABBENSETTS, Michael John

Class of 1958

November 24, 2016



Michael John Abbensetts died November 24, 2016 after a brief illness and several years suffering from Alzheimer's disease. Michael was recognized as a pioneer among black British writers and playwrights. His BBC series "Empire Road" (1978-79) was the first black drama to air on British television. Born in Guyana in 1938, he studied at Sir George Williams in Montreal after graduating from Stanstead and became a British citizen in 1974. His first play, *Sweet Talk*, was performed at the Royal Court in 1973. He went on to write a number of plays for stage, television and radio. He was twice married and is survived by his daughter Justine Mutch from a previous relationship as well as grandchildren Danielle and Sean and sister Elizabeth, class of 1958

KRUG, Margaret Alice (née Mitchell)

Class of 1944

December 14, 2016

Margaret Alice Krug passed away in her sleep with grandchildren at her side. Margaret is survived by her brother Ian Mitchell, Class of 1954, her four sons, Peter, Bill, John and Tom, eight grandchildren and many nieces and nephews. Predeceased by her husband Franklin Peter Krug, sister Mary Woodward, Class of 1952 and brother James Mitchell, Class of 1946. Margaret was born in 1928 and grew up on the Labrador coast and studied biology at Bishop's College in Quebec. She completed her nursing degree and practiced at the Montreal General Hospital where she met her husband Frank. She lived in Central and South America for the first seven years of her married life and then she and Frank brought their four children back to Montreal in 1959. Frank died in 1976 and Margaret continued to support her boys at university in Montreal and Kingston. Margaret moved to Ottawa in 1980 and pursued her passions of painting, walking, gardening and wild flowers.

LYNN, Philippa Ruth (née Wiser)

Class of 1950

November 20, 2016



In Thetford Mines, Quebec, at the age of 83, Philippa Ruth Lynn died peacefully with her family by her side. She was predeceased by her parents, John Philip Wiser and Frances Ruth Smith Wiser, as well as her children's father, William Graham Lynn, and her second spouse, John Watson Wallace. She is survived by her sons Brian, David, Philip and Trevor as well as her many grandchildren.

NICHOLLS, Ardyth (née Bishop)

Class of 1947

September 15, 2015

Ardyth was from Danville, Quebec and was the beloved daughter of the late Sydney and Ferne (Sanborn) Bishop, and dear wife of the late John Donald Nicholls. She will be greatly missed by three daughters, her granddaughters and great-grandchildren as well as by her sister Patricia, class of 1949.

SNYDER, Adele Elizabeth (née Greer)

Class of 1947

December 26, 2016



Adele passed away peacefully at Kingston General. Adele grew up in the Eastern Townships. She obtained a degree in home economics from Macdonald College and later married Harold Snyder from Shawinigan in 1953. They lived in Toronto, Montreal and St. John's, eventually retiring to Stanstead, Que., and then settling in Kingston. Adele was a wonderful mother and she approached life with a great sense of adventure and humour, especially where Polynya (the sailboat) was concerned. She worked as a schoolteacher and was an active community volunteer. Fond memories of Adele's laughter and hugs will be forever in the memory of her five children, Greg, Joyce, Margot, Christine and Dick and her grandchildren and great grandchild. She leaves her sister Dorothy Flitton, Class of 1949 and brother Alan Greer, Class of 1945; she was predeceased by brother Ron Greer, Class of 1943.

TAYLOR, Thomas Alastair Ian

Class of 1967

June 1, 2016



After a courageous battle with cancer. Ian is predeceased by his father Thomas Alastair Ian Clark Taylor and mother Florence Ruth Taylor. Ian leaves behind his wife Deb, son Tom, daughter Carlye, first wife Bev, brothers Bruce, Class of 1980, and Doug, Class of 1981, and their families. Ian grew up



WALKER, Henry G. "Harry"

Class of 1947

February 26, 2017

Passed away peacefully at the age 87 on February 26, 2017. A lifelong Spartan and a true friend of the school, Harry gave selflessly to Stanstead College through his time, interest and generous financial support. As a respected honorary trustee, he took an active interest in school affairs. His many contributions to school governance, as well as to our athletic and music programs, were greatly appreciated and will be long remembered. Mr. Walker was pre-deceased by his wife Nancy Common and companion Myrtle Crutchfield, parents Francis Kimble and Fred Walker and sister Jean. Survived by his sisters-in-law Barbara and Sheila Common. He is fondly remembered by his nieces and nephews, their spouses, children and grandchildren, for his sense of humour and gracious hosting of family gatherings. Harry was a long-time resident of Gables Court Beaconsfield, a volunteer hockey coach, a successful business owner, a lifelong member and past President of Kanawaki Golf Club.

in Rosemere, Quebec and attended Stanstead College where he formed many lifelong friendships. He enjoyed a 35-year career with British Steel/Corus where he was a well-respected and much-admired leader and mentor. Ian moved to Tsawwassen in 1987 and after retiring in 2007 he devoted his time and energy to serving on several volunteer boards within the community. He also enjoyed spending time, as he would say, playing "very bad" golf. Ian was a kind and generous man who went out of his way to thank people for a job well done. He will be greatly missed by his family and friends.

WOLKOW, Robert Michael (Mike)

Class of 1968

November 20, 2016



Born in Montreal, passed away suddenly in Toronto at the age of 62. Beloved son of the late Linda Snowdon Pascoe Wolkow and the late Hyman Samuel Wolkow. Older brother to Joseph, Lucianna, Maria and Charles. Mike began a career in radio broadcasting at a very young age that took him to many provinces across Canada and into the homes of Canadians coast to coast as he delivered the news and current events. His journalistic talent and no-nonsense approach to broadcasting quickly earned him a solid and credible reputation that propelled his career. Mike was dedicated to his work, and his assignments took him from small towns to large metropolitan cities across the country. He was particularly fond of St. John's, Newfoundland, and its charm and people kept him there broadcasting and writing for several years. Mike settled in Toronto where he continued to enjoy talking politics, taking long walks and going to the local cafés and shops. His presence will be missed by all who knew him.



Above: Parents sell wreaths and Christmas ornaments on Parents Day.



On right: Students sign holiday cards to thank our school's generous Annual Fund donors.



2017 Calendar of Events

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JUNE

June 3 Graduation Dinner & Dance

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June 17 Baccalaureate & Prize Giving

JULY

Young Alumni BBQ & Pool Party (U30)

SEPTEMBER

Sept 29 Alumni & Friends Golf Tournament

Sept 30 Homecoming 2017



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